

**Decision Notice
and
Finding of No Significant Impact
for
Trout Creek Boat Ramp Improvement Project**

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Region 1
490 N. Meridian Road
Kalispell, MT 59901

March 12, 2003

Description of the Proposed Action:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks will provide funding of \$12,000 in matching grant funds to improve the boat ramp at Trout Creek. The ramp improvements will provide better, safer, and easier access to Noxon Reservoir. The existing concrete logs will be removed, and a new, continuous concrete boat ramp will be constructed. This project will also allow access to the water by bigger boats at most water levels. In conjunction with the boat ramp project, approximately 20' of shoreline stabilization will be done. The BASS Club, Trout Creek Community Improvement Association, and Avista Corporation will fund the balance of the project. The Trout Creek Community Improvement Association and Avista Corporation will do the maintenance on the completed project.

Public Comment:

This project was proposed, discussed, and approved at public meetings held by the BASS Club and the Trout Creek Community Improvement Association. The Environmental Assessment was posted in the legal section of the Sanders County Ledger, and a 30-day comment period was held. No comments were received.

Finding of No Significant Impact:

Based on the analysis in the Environmental Assessment (EA), I find granting the funds to the Trout Creek Community Improvement Association in the amount of \$12,000 to be the preferred alternative. This alternative will improve boat access, making it safer, and will require less maintenance. I have evaluated the EA and applicable laws, regulations, and policies and have determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

The final Environmental Assessment and the FONSI may be viewed at or obtained from Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Region One, 490 N. Meridian, Kalispell, MT 59901. Please direct requests and questions to:

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